

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
receiving, from a shopping cart application, detailed information concerning one or more items placed by a user in a virtual shopping cart hosted by a merchant web site, the shopping cart application being hosted by the merchant web site, the merchant web site being separate from external to an online payment service, the detailed information being sent by the shopping cart application in response to a user request to proceed with a payment for the one or more items;
and
upon receiving the detailed information from the shopping cart application, communicating to the user via a communications network one or more user interfaces that facilitate processing of the payment for the one or more items by the online payment service, the one or more user interfaces allowing the user to view content of the virtual shopping cart.
2. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein the detailed information is selected, for each of the one or more items, from the group consisting of an item name, an item number, an item price and an item quantity.
3. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein the user request to proceed with the payment is received when the user clicks a checkout button on the merchant web site.
4. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein the one or more user interfaces comprise a login user interface to facilitate user input of personal information and a payment confirmation user interface to facilitate user input confirming the payment.
5. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 4 wherein the payment confirmation user interface displays the contents of the virtual shopping cart.

6. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 4 wherein the login user interface includes a link to the contents of the virtual shopping cart.

7. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 4 wherein the personal information includes user credit card information if the user is a new user of the online payment service.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 further comprising:

upon processing the payment for the one or more items, presenting to the user a personal account user interface displaying information concerning the payment.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 8 wherein the personal account user interface includes a link to the contents of the virtual shopping cart.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a shopping cart interface to receive, from a shopping cart application, detailed information concerning one or more items placed by a user in a virtual shopping cart hosted by a merchant web site, the shopping cart application being hosted by the merchant web site, the merchant web site being separate from external to an online payment service, the detailed information being sent by the shopping cart application in response to a user request to proceed with a payment for the one or more items; and

a payment processor of the online payment service to communicate, upon receiving the detailed information from the shopping cart application, to the user via a communications network one or more user interfaces that facilitate processing of the payment for the one or more items, the one or more user interfaces allowing the user to view content of the virtual shopping cart.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the detailed information is selected, for each of the one or more items, from the group consisting of an item name, an item number, an item price and an item quantity.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the user request to proceed with the payment is received when the user clicks a checkout button on the merchant web site.
13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the one or more user interfaces comprise a login user interface to facilitate user input of personal information and a payment confirmation user interface to facilitate user input confirming the payment.
14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the payment confirmation user interface displays the contents of the virtual shopping cart.
15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the login user interface includes a link to the contents of the virtual shopping cart.
16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the payment processor is further to present to the user a personal account user interface displaying information concerning the payment upon processing the payment for the one or more items.
17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the personal account user interface includes a link to the contents of the virtual shopping cart.

18. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a merchant web site to implement a shopping cart application that allows a user to place one or more items offered by the merchant web site in a virtual shopping cart hosted by the merchant web site;

a client, coupled to the merchant web site via a communications network, to present user interface information that facilitates processing of a user payment for the one or more items in the virtual shopping cart; and

an online payment service, coupled to the merchant web site and the client via the communications network, to receive detailed information concerning the one or more items in the virtual shopping cart from the shopping cart application, and to communicate to the user via the communications network one or more user interfaces that facilitate processing of the payment for the one or more items, ~~the shopping cart application being external to the online payment service~~ the shopping cart application being hosted by the merchant web site, the merchant being separate from the online payment service, the one or more user interfaces allowing the user to view content of the virtual shopping cart.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the detailed information is selected, for each of the one or more items, from the group consisting of an item name, an item number, an item price and an item quantity.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the user request to proceed with the payment is received when the user clicks a checkout button on the merchant web site.

21. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the one or more user interfaces comprise a login user interface to facilitate user input of personal information and to display the contents of the virtual shopping cart, and a payment confirmation user interface to facilitate user input confirming the payment and to include a link to the contents of the virtual shopping cart.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when executed on a processor, cause the processor to perform a method comprising:

receiving, ~~[[in]]~~ by an online payment service ~~external to a merchant web site~~ from a shopping cart application, detailed information concerning one or more items placed by a user in a virtual shopping cart hosted by ~~[[the]]~~ a merchant web site separate from the online payment service, the shopping cart application being hosted by the online payment service, the detailed information being sent in response to a user request to proceed with a payment for the one or more items; and

upon the receiving of the detailed information, communicating to the user via a communications network one or more user interfaces that facilitate processing of the payment for the one or more items, the one or more user interfaces allowing the user to view content of the virtual shopping cart.

23. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 22 wherein the detailed information is selected, for each of the one or more items, from the group consisting of an item name, an item number, an item price and an item quantity.

24. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 22 wherein the one or more user interfaces comprise a login user interface to facilitate user input of personal information and to display the contents of the virtual shopping cart, and a payment confirmation user interface to facilitate user input confirming the payment and to include a link to the contents of the virtual shopping cart.